

## Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

They were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, July 20, 5:00 p.m. Mass + For the repose of the Soul of Mr. Tom Franey by Mike and Ann Boriel  
For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter's

Sunday, July 21, 9:30 a.m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter's

11:00 a.m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter's

Monday, July 22, No Mass – Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, Disciple of the Lord.

Tuesday, July 23, No Mass

Wednesday, July 24, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, July 25, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, July 26, 8:30 a.m. Mass – Feast of St. Anne and St. Joachim, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, July 27, 5:00 p. m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter's

Sunday, July 28, - Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time; World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

9:30 a.m. Mass – For all Grandparents and Elderly living and Deceased

For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter's

11:00 a.m. Mass – For all Grandparents and Elderly living and Deceased

For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter's

1:30 p.m. Nigerian Community Mass

### **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME REFLECTION:** Once again in this weekend readings.

The disciples have been sent out 'two by two' by Jesus in order to preach repentance and to heal the sick. After some time they return. While the evangelist normally refers to the followers of Jesus as 'disciples', those who are in the process of learning, as they return from their missions he calls them 'apostles', those sent out. Jesus is concerned for their well-being and invites them to go with him to a lonely place in order to find peace and rest. It seems that the popularity of Jesus has influenced the mission of the disciples and that they too were in great demand. Their plan for some time of peace and quiet is frustrated. A crowd has already gathered at their destination. Mark speaks constantly in the early chapters of the gospel of the crowds who are eager for the words and works of Jesus. This passage comes just before the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to feed the five thousand. Before giving them food to eat Jesus teaches them 'at some length'. We see anticipated in this chapter the two ways in which Jesus continues to feed us: by Word and Sacrament. All this is motivated by his compassion for the crowd who are 'like sheep without a shepherd'. The image of the shepherd who cares for the real needs of the sheep is often used in Scripture for those who have responsibility to care for people. The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the shepherds, in this case the rulers, who let the flock be destroyed and scattered, and looks forward to the coming of true shepherds. The psalm speaks of the Lord as the perfect shepherd who sees to the needs of his people, and the reading from Ephesians speaks of Christ as 'the peace between us', who reconciles Jew and Gentile. Why is the image of the 'good shepherd' so popular? How can we treasure more deeply the gifts of Word and Sacrament? Let us pray for leaders who will have the good of their people as their priority. Let us pray for those who are exhausted by ministering to others and can find no place of rest.

**QUO VADIS?** Where are you going? Is the Lord calling you to serve him as a priest? Join other men discerning the priesthood for monthly formation, fellowship, and Eucharistic Adoration. The next session will be held on August 29, 2024, 7:00 p.m. at the new Café des Tours, located in the basement of Notre Dame Cathedral in Ottawa. To join the Quo Vadis email list or for more information, contact Fr. Connor O'Hara, the Vocations Director for the diocese, at [vocations@ottawacornwall.ca](mailto:vocations@ottawacornwall.ca)

**Collection – July 13 and 14, 2024:** Envelopes: \$1,860.00, Loose: \$385.80; St. Vincent de Paul: \$155.00; Vigil Lights: \$41.00; Parish Roof Replacement: \$1,140.00; Mass Intentions: \$160.00; Clergy Support: \$270.00; Grand Totals: \$4,011.80. **THANK YOU** for your generosity and support.

**Pastoral appointments – 2024:** His Grace Archbishop Marcel Dampousse announces the following pastoral appointments which become effective on August 1, 2024:

Rev. Fr. Jonathan Madueke is appointed Administrator of St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Metcalfe

Rev. Fr. Hezuk Shroff is appointed Pastor of St. Peter Parish in Ottawa

**Thank you to Rev. Fr. Jonathan Madueke** for serving as our Interim Pastor the last six months and we look forward to welcoming Rev. Fr. Hezuk Shroff to St. Peter's Parish this summer. We are keeping you both in our prayers as you prepare for your next assignments.

**ROOF REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT:** St. Peter's Church and Prince of Peace School will be undergoing this replacement project over the summer during the months of July and August. The building, including the school, needs a new roof. The school board has contracted to have the work done; they will be paying for most of this, as the school is the largest portion of the building. The total cost for this project is \$704,383.00. However, we will need to pay for our share, which will be around \$144,000.00. So please, help us to whatever level you can. Envelopes for the roof replacement project can be found on the bulletin board shelf at the main entrance of the church or Interac e – Transfer to our Parish with the email: [stpeters1640@gmail.com](mailto:stpeters1640@gmail.com). Thank you for your generosity and support with this project.

**Diaper Assistance:** Diapers will be given out the last weekend of each month after all masses in the gym. Families can also contact the parish office any time for diaper requests. Serving the youngest among us with joy, thanks be to God!

**150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO STE-ANNE-DE-BEAUPRÉ AND OUR LADY OF THE CAPE** Pilgrimage to Ste. Anne de Beaupré and Our Lady of the Cape from the Dioceses of Ottawa-Cornwall, Pembroke, Mont-Laurier/St-Jérôme, Kingston and Gatineau on August 10-11. The weekend celebrants are Archbishops Marcel Dampousse, Terrence Prendergast, Guy Desrochers, and Bishops Yvan Mathieu, Raymond Poisson, and Pierre Goudreault. This may be the last annual pilgrimage. For registration contact [mike.budge@bell](mailto:mike.budge@bell).

**ATTENTION VACATIONERS!!!** If you're away on vacation this summer, please remember that our Parish expenses never take a holiday. Our Parish can only function if its bills are paid, so we require your ongoing help. Thank you so much for your continued generosity and support in keeping our Church operating and beautiful!

**WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY:** On Sunday, July 28, the 4th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated. This special Day, initiated by Pope Francis, is a precious opportunity to value grandparents and the elderly in our local communities. Pope Francis' message for the 4th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, entitled "Do not cast me off in my old age" (Ps 71:9), invites us to reflect deeply on the place of the elderly in our lives and in society.

**SUMMER PRAYER:** God our Father, this is one of your perfect days. It's warm and sunny and the whole earth smells good. I can see and smell and touch your love all around me. I see your love in the woods and the garden. I see your love in the clear blue sky and the thick green grass. I hear your love in the songs of the birds and the sounds of the kids laughing. I feel your love in the warm sand between my toes and in the petals of the flowers. Thank you Lord for the beautiful world you've given me! Amen.